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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

### General Assembly

Seventieth session

09:00 — 19th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

[webcast]

1. Address by His Excellency Rosen Plevneliev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
2. Address by His Excellency Juan Carlos Varela Rodríguez, President of the Republic of Panama
3. Address by His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
4. Address by Her Excellency Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of the Republic of Croatia
5. Address by His Excellency Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
6. Address by His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana

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### Security Council

10:00 — 7527th meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of international peace and security[1]

   Settlement of conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa and countering terrorist threat in the region

   Letter dated 1 September from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/678)

[1] Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

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7. Address by His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic
8. Address by His Excellency Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin
9. Address by His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam
10. Address by His Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine
11. Continuation of the general debate [item 8]

    Statement by His Excellency Ahmet Davutoğlu, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

    Statement by Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

    Statement by His Excellency Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden

    Statement by His Excellency Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

    Statement by Her Excellency Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

    Statement by His Excellency Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji

    Statement by His Excellency Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta

    Statement by His Excellency Charles Michel, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium

    Statement by His Excellency Tammam Salam, President of the Council of Ministers of the Lebanese Republic

15:00 20th plenary meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Raimonds Vējonis, President of the Republic of Latvia
2. Address by His Excellency Tomislav Nikolić, President of the Republic of Serbia
3. Address by His Excellency Ismaël Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti
4. Address by His Excellency Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
5. Address by His Excellency Baron Divavesi Waqa, President of the Republic of Nauru
6. Address by His Excellency Agila Saleh Essa Gwaider, Acting Head of State of Libya
7. Address by His Excellency Christopher Loeak, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
8. Address by His Excellency Ikililou Dhoinine, President of the Union of the Comoros
9. Continuation of the general debate [item 8]

    Statement by His Excellency Miro Cerar, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Statement by His Excellency Meltek Sato Kilman Livtuvanu, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu

Statement by His Excellency Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa

Statement by His Excellency Haider Al Abadi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq

Statement by His Excellency Valeriu Strelet, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova

Statement by His Royal Highness, Prince Moulay Rachid of Morocco

Monaco

Azerbaijan

Spain

Burkina Faso

Central African Republic

**General Assembly**
Seventieth session

A meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the "International Day for the Total elimination of Nuclear Weapons" will be held *today*, 30 September 2015, at 11:00, in Conference Room 1. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 17 September 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Statements should not exceed *four minutes*. Delegations are also requested to kindly submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart10@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. [webcast]

**Announcement**

The Secretary-General will hold a high-level meeting on "Strengthening cooperation on migration and refugee movements in the perspective of the new development agenda" *today*, 30 September 2015, from 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 4. A secondary pass for each participant will be required for this meeting.

All participants are kindly requested to be seated *by 14:55*. The event will start at *15:00 sharp*. Speakers are reminded that their statements will be strictly *limited* to *three minutes*. Please *click here* for the latest programme and speakers list. [webcast]

## General Assembly

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
2. Executive meeting

## Other meetings

*The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are closed.*

**Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

**Arab Group (Arab-South-American Ministerial Meeting)**

09:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

**OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina (at the ministerial level)**

10:00 to 11:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

**OIC Contact Group on Mali (at the ministerial level)**

11:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

**OIC Contact Group on Yemen (at the ministerial level)**

15:00 to 16:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

## Other activities

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**Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

**High-level event on "Uniting around the Principle of Humanity" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Kuwait and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC))**

From 07:45 to 09:00, in Conference Room 6. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Christopher Frassetto, ICRC (e-mail cfrassetto@icrc.org; tel. 1 (212) 599-6021).]

**High-level event on the "World Humanitarian Summit: Humanitarian Action - A Forward Looking Agenda" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))**

From 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 2. [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodriguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).]

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**Event on "Community-led Development: Key to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines and the Movement for Community-led Development)**

From 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Maria Teresa Narbuada, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail tetnarbuada@nypm.org; tel. 1 (212) 764-1300).]

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**Ceremony of the Formal Establishment of Small Island Developing States Sustainable Energy Initiative DOCK (SIDS DOCK) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Dominica, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Austria, Denmark, Japan and Sweden, and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), the United Nations Industrial Organization (UNIDO) and the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI))**

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). [webcast]

[For further information, please contact Permanent Mission of Dominica (e-mail dominicaun@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 599-8478).]

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**High-level ministerial meeting on "Framing the veto in the event of mass atrocities" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Mexico)**

From 11:00 to 12:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of France (Mr. Aymeric Chuzeville (e-mail aymeric.chuzeville@diplomatie.gouv.fr); or Ms. Ahlem Gharbi (e-mail ahlem.gharbi@diplomatie.gouv.fr); tel. 1 (212) 702-4900); or the Permanent Mission of Mexico (Mr. Ricardo Alday (e-mail ralday@sre.gob.mx); or Ms. Lorena Alvarado (e-mail lalvarado@sre.gob.mx); tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

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**High-level ministerial event on "Ending Child Early and Forced Marriages: Reaffirming our commitment to move towards collective action" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Liberia and Zambia, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))**

From 12:00 to 13:15, in Conference Room 3.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Dilini Dharmadasa, Permanent Mission of Zambia (e-mail ndharmadasa@aol.com; tel. 1 (212) 888-5770).]

**High-level meeting on "Ad Hoc Liaison Committee Meeting" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)**

From 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room 8 (Conference Room 5 will serve as an overflow room). [webcast]

[For further information, please contact Ms. Emilie Everett, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail emilie.everett@mfa.no).]

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**Ad hoc meeting of high-level officials (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador and the Africa-South America Cooperative Forum (ASACOF))**

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Sergio Shcherbakov, Permanent Mission of Ecuador (e-mail ecuador@un.it; tel. 1 (212) 935-1680).]

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**High-level ministerial event on "Women, Peace and Security in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy, Kenya, Namibia, Spain, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates)**

From 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Cupellini, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).]

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**Event on "Transitions to democracy and sustainable development: Lessons from country experiences" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) and the Community of Democracies)**

From 17:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room 6. [webcast]

[For further information, please contact Mr. Kieran Lettrich, Office of the Permanent Observer for International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).]

## Press conferences

*The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.*

**Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences scheduled for *today*, 30 September 2015, please *click here*.

## Official meetings held away from Headquarters

### General Assembly

**Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction**
First session
Geneva, 29-30 September 2015 [webcast]

The Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, is holding its first session from Tuesday, 29 September, to Wednesday, 30 September 2015. The third and fourth meetings will be held *today*, 30 September, at 10:00 and 15:00, respectively, in Conference Room XIX. The agenda and the calendar and programme of work, as adopted, are contained in documents A/AC.285/1 and A/AC.285/2, respectively. Background information on the Working group and relevant documents are available by *clicking here*.

**General Assembly**
Seventieth session
General debate (28 September-3 October 2015)

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the general debate, a voluntary *15-minute* time limit should be observed and the list of speakers has been prepared on the basis of the agreed *15-minute* statement by each delegation. In order to assist the speakers with the timely delivery of their statements, a light mechanism will be installed at the rostrum. Delegations may wish to inform their capitals accordingly.

**General Assembly**
Seventieth session

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 69/316, as part of commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations, a high-level thematic debate on the theme "Maintenance of international peace and security", will be convened on Thursday, 1, and Friday, 2 October 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 September 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063). Statements should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegations are also requested to kindly submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart10@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

# Forthcoming official meetings

**Thursday, 1 October 2015**

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

09:00 22nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Dragan Čović, Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Address by His Excellency Juan Orlando Hernández Alvarado, President of the Republic of Honduras
3. Address by His Excellency Michel Joseph Martelly, President of the Republic of Haiti
4. Address by His Excellency Hery Rajaonarimampianina, President of the Republic of Madagascar
5. Address by His Excellency Peter Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
6. Address by His Excellency Filip Vujanović, President of Montenegro
7. Continuation of the general debate [item 8]

   Statement by His Excellency José Maria Pereira Neves, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cabo Verde

   Statement by His Excellency Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

   Statement by His Exceliency Irakli Garibashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia

   Statement by His Excellency Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho

   Statement by His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel

   Statement by His Excellency Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia

   Slovakia

   Germany

   Luxembourg

   India

   Austria

   Algeria

   Ireland

   Chad

15:00 23rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [item 8]

Statement by His Excellency Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, Vice-President of the Republic of Botswana

Statement by His Excellency Manuel Domingos Vicente, Vice-President of the Republic of Angola

Statement by His Excellency James Wani Igga, Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan

Statement by His Excellency Joseph Butore, Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi

Statement by His Excellency Moisés Omar Halleslevens Acevedo, Vice-President of the Republic of Nicaragua

Statement by His Excellency Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, Vice President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

Statement by His Excellency Gaston Alphonso Browne, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Corporate Governance of Antigua and Barbuda

Statement by His Excellency John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand

Statement by His Excellency Rui Maria de Araújo, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Statement by His Excellency Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands

Statement by His Excellency Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia

Cambodia

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Kyrgyzstan

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Bahamas

Saudi Arabia

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251), see document A/70/252 for allocation of items. The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The information note for delegations on arrangements for the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and the general debate of the seventieth session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/INF/70/4. A draft

programme of the work of the plenary for the seventieth session is contained in document A/69/972.

*List of speakers*

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

*PaperSmart Services*

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

*Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

*Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council*

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly will conduct the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session, in the *fall of 2015*. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

# General Assembly

Seventieth session

## Main Committees

## First Committee

*Organizational meeting*

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4, to consider its provisional programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/70/CRP.1) and indicative timetable for thematic discussions (A/C.1/70/CRP.2). A list of documents of the Committee will be issued toward the end of September as A/C.1/70/INF/1.

*Programme of work*

The Committee will hold its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Thursday, 8, to Friday, 16 October 2015. The Committee will then hold thematic discussions on specific subjects and the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items from Monday, 19 October to Monday, 2 November (morning). Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items will be from Monday, 2 November (afternoon) to Monday, 9 November 2015.

In the afternoon of Thursday, 22 October 2015, a joint ad hoc meeting of the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to address possible challenges to space security and sustainability will be held, pursuant to resolution 69/38.

*List of speakers*

The list of speakers for the general debate *is open until Friday, 9 October 2015*, at 18:00. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; Room S-3058). Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, a time limit should be observed of *10 minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *15 minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

The list of speakers for the thematic discussions will open on Monday, 12 October and close on Thursday, 22 October 2015, at 18:00.

The time limit for the thematic discussions is *five minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *seven minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

*Composition of delegations*

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; Room S-3058). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales, or form A/INF/70/2, will be accepted by e-mail.

*Room reservations*

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; Room S-3057).

*Background information*

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Web site (*click here*). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org). An archived video of a 12-minute technical briefing on QuickFirst, presented by the Secretary of the Committee after the 2nd meeting of the sixty-eighth session, on 4 October 2013, is available by *clicking here*, from 41 minutes 10 seconds to 52 minutes 36 seconds.

With respect to (i) the process for consideration of possible programme budget implications (PBIs) of draft resolutions and decisions and (ii) editing of draft resolutions and decisions, an archived video of a 41-minute briefing by the Secretariat made after the 1st meeting of the sixty-ninth session, on 3 October 2014, is available by *clicking here*.

*PaperSmart services*

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the First Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org.

The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the First Committee PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only when read out by the delegation.

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, from15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 4. The proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee is contained in document A/C.4/70/L.1.

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Thursday, 8 October, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4.

*List of speakers*

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items of the Fourth Committee *is now open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

*PaperSmart services*

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Specia lPolitical and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the seventieth session of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart4@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) PaperSmart portal *(click here)* only after delivery by delegations.

*Composition of delegations*

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

*Background information and website*

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Representatives of Member States wishing to be included in the Fourth Committee mailing list are requested to send an e-mail from an official Permanent Mission e-mail address to 4thcommittee@un.org indicating name, delegation and e-mail address.

**Second Committee**

The Second Committee will begin its substantive work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. The programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the session are available on the web site of the Committee by *clicking here*.

*Lists of speakers*

The lists of speakers for the general debate (Wednesday, 7, to Friday, 9 October 2015) and general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *are open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)). In accordance with established practice of the Committee, the time limits of *seven minutes* for individual Member States and *10 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate, *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

*Statements and PaperSmart arrangements*

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available to the Second Committee at the seventieth session of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of

the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

*Composition of delegations*

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

*QuickPlace*

For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Terri Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

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**Third Committee**

*List of speakers*

The Committee will begin its work on Tuesday, 6 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1. The list of speakers for the general discussion on each item of the Third Committee *is* open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org).

*Composition of delegations*

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session, is available by *clicking here*.

*QuickPlace and eSponsorship*

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

*Room reservations*

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org).

*Statements and PaperSmart arrangements*

Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available.

Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

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**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee is scheduled to hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 8 October 2015, at 10:00 in Conference Room 3, to consider items allocated to the Fifth Committee by the General Assembly, issued as document A/C.5/70/1.

The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/70/L.1.

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available at www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/.

*Composition of delegations*

Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

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**Sixth Committee**

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 12 October 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee for the seventieth session (General Assembly decision 69/529 of 10 December 2014), as well as background information on the Sixth Committee and links to official documentation to be considered at the seventieth session, is available on the Committee's website (*click here*).

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212)963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). *Please note* that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda item 108 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), agenda item 85 (Rule of law at the national and international levels) and agenda item 80 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Delegations are invited to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Representatives of member States and observer States may register for access to the Unite Connections community of the Sixth Committee for the seventieth session, through the online form available on the website of the Sixth Committee.

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of the delivery to papersmart6@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation.

## General Assembly

### Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 273rd meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Monday, 5 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 11. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org, Room S-3632).

The meeting will *not be open* to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

### Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 372nd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 5 October 2015, at 10:30, in Conference Room 2.

### Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing (closed), convened by the Chair (Ghana) of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 12. The briefing is open to members of the Advisory Committee and other interested delegates (Fifth Committee and Sixth Committee).

**Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 8 October 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to notify the Secretary, *in writing* (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org).

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**OIC (Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs) (at the ministerial level)**

*Thursday, 1 October 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1; and

*Thursday, 1 October 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

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**International Criminal Court: Meeting of the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties**

*Thursday, 1 October 2015*, from 08:30 to 09:30, in Conference Room 9.

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**Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)**

*Monday, 5 October 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

## Forthcoming other activities

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**High-level ministerial event on "Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Peace Operations" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Serbia)**

*Thursday, 1 October 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[OSCE participating States are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Boris Holovka, Permanent Mission of Serbia (e-mail boris.holovka@serbiamissionun.org; tel. 1 (212) 879-8700).]

**High-level ministerial event on "The Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)**

*Thursday, 1 October 2015,* from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. René Holbach, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail rene.holbach@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 230).]

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**Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations Annual Ministerial Meeting (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))**

*Thursday, 1 October 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6209 or 1 (929) 274-6212).]

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**High-level briefing on "Preparations for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World Drug Problem" (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))**

*Friday, 2 October 2015,* from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions and permanent observers are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jason Reichelt, UNODC (e-mail reichelt@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3704).]

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**Briefing on "Women's rights in conflict: evidence and recommendations" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Uruguay, the Human Rights Watch and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))**

*Monday, 5 October 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Simon Collard-Wexler, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail simon.collard-wexler@international.gc.ca).]

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**Briefing for Member States by the Co-Facilitators of the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)**

*Tuesday, 6 October 2015,* from 11:00 to 12:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

**High-level launch of the *Nelson Mandela Rules – the Draft Revised Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners* (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))**

*Wednesday, 7 October 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Matteo Pasquali, UNODC (e-mail pasquali@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5698).]

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**Briefing on the *Trade and Development Report 2015* (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))**

*Wednesday, 7 October 2015,* from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena S. Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

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**Event entitled "Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) National Action Plans: Rising to the Challenges of International Security and the Emergence of Artificial Intelligence" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Georgia, in collaboration with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI))**

*Wednesday, 7 October 2015,* from 15:00 to 17:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Giorgi Kvelashvili, Permanent Mission of Georgia (e-mail gkvelashvili@mfa.gov.ge; tel. 1 (212) 759-1949, ext. 208).]

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**High-level event on "Role of African Regional and Sub-regional Organizations in Achieving Regional Integration: the Continental Free Trade Area within the context of the First 10-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)**

*Monday, 12 October 2015,* from 09:30 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here*.]

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**Annual high-level briefing on "Silencing the Guns in Africa: the Nexus between Peace, Security" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Africa's Regional Economic Communities)**

*Monday, 12 October 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and United Nations system entities are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here*.]

**Briefing on "Agenda 2063 and its First 10-year Implementation Plan and the United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda (PAIDA)" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))**

*Tuesday, 13 October 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

[Members of the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here.*]

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**High-level event on "African Continental Framework on Youth Development: Mainstream into Agenda 2063" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD))**

*Wednesday, 14 October 2015,* from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here.*]

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**Annual briefing on two reports of the Secretary-General entitled *Progress on the Implementation of NEPAD; and Causes of Conflict and Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa* (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union)**

*Thursday, 15 October 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions and the United Nations system entities are invited. For further information, please contact OSAA (Ms. Ecoma Alaga (e-mail alaga@un.org); or Ms. Ndidi Anyaegbunam (e-mail anyaegbunam@un.org)); or *click here.*]

## Announcements

**Live coverage of the general debate of the General Assembly (28 September–1 October 2015)**

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an advance electronic copy of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, for timely and accurate posting of the text on the General Assembly Website. The statements should be sent to dpigaweb@un.org.

The General Debate website (*click here*) will cover live the debate in English and French, where each speaker will have a dedicated page with their photo, summary of their speech, video in English, French and original language and downloadable audio versions of their speech in all United Nations official languages, as well as the texts of their statements.

The general debate of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live (in all United Nations official languages) and on-demand (English and original language) over the Internet. The broadcast will be accessible through the United Nations Web TV website by *clicking here.*

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *October 2015*:

*Introduction to United Nations Documents* (English, French, Spanish)

*Treaty Research* (English)

*United Nations Regular Budget Documentation* (English)

*General Assembly Documentation* (English, French)

*Security Council Documentation* (English)

*Finding Speeches* (English)

*Voting Information* (English)

*Introduction to Library Services* (English)

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

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**Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

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**2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 16 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 30 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016. This course

is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

**2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 28 September 2015**

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

[archived video]

14th plenary meeting

*Address by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda*

His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile*

Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Raúl Castro Ruz, President of the Councils of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba*

His Excellency Raúl Castro Ruz, President of the Councils of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa*

His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt*

His Excellency Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by Her Excellency Simonetta Sommaruga, President of the Swiss Confederation*

Her Excellency Simonetta Sommaruga, President of the Swiss Confederation, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe*

His Excellency Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by Her Excellency Cristina Fernández, President of the Republic of Argentina*

Her Excellency Cristina Fernández, President of the Republic of Argentina, addressed the General Assembly.

15th plenary meeting

*Address by His Excellency Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus*

His Excellency Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*

His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic*

His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Horacio Manuel Cartes Jara, President of the Republic of Paraguay*

His Excellency Horacio Manuel Cartes Jara, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya*

His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal*

His Excellency Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of the Republic of Mali*

His Excellency Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of the Republic of Mali, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Rafael Correa, President of the Republic of Ecuador*

His Excellency Rafael Correa, President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma, Constitutional President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia*

His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma, Constitutional President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [item 8]

His Excellency Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer of Afghanistan, made a statement.

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**Tuesday, 29 September 2015**

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

[archived video]

16th plenary meeting

*Address by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda*

His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency David Arthur Granger, President of the Republic of Guyana*

His Excellency David Arthur Granger, President of the Republic of Guyana, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia*

His Excellency Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan*

His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland*

His Excellency Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Elbegdorj Tsakhia, President of Mongolia*

His Excellency Elbegdorj Tsakhia, President of Mongolia, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Klaus Werner Iohannis, President of Romania*

His Excellency Klaus Werner Iohannis, President of Romania, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland*

His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone*

His Excellency Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine*

His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, President of the Republic of Colombia*

His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, President of the Republic of Colombia, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus*

His Excellency Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Tabaré Vázquez, President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay*

His Excellency Tabaré Vázquez, President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by His Excellency Arthur Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi*

His Excellency Arthur Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [item 8]

Statements were made by His Excellency Donald Tusk, President of the European Council of the European Union; His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan; His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait; and His Excellency Matteo Renzi, President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Italy.

17th–18th plenary meetings

The summary of the 17th and 18th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2015/188).

# Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

**Tuesday, 29 September 2015**

## General Assembly

**Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction**
First session
Geneva, 29-30 September 2015

[archived video]

1st meeting

*Election of officers* [item 1]

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, opened the meeting.

The Working Group elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Wayne McCook (Jamaica), as Chair of the Working Group.

The Chair made a statement.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General made a statement.

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [item 2]

The Working Group approved its agenda as contained in document A/AC.285/1 for all its sessions.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015 (par. 5 (b)), the Working Group approved its calendar and programme of work, as contained in document A/AC.285/2.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 (par. 7), the Working Group was informed of the participation of technical experts from relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, the last category of which encompassed civil society organizations; local governments; private sector; and academia and scientific institutions.

The Chair made a statement.

*Disaster risk reduction terminology* [item 4]

Introductory remarks were made by the Chair and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mexico, Kenya, El Salvador, Ecuador, Chile, Paraguay, Bangladesh, Brazil, the Czech Republic, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Madagascar, the Netherlands, Australia, Colombia, Tonga, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, the European Union, Morocco, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Thailand, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, South Sudan, Japan, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, the United Arab Emirates and Germany.

A representative of civil society organizations made a statement.

2nd meeting

*Indicators to measure global progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030* [item 3]

*Indicators for targets A-D*

*Indicators for target A*

Introductory remarks were made by the Chair and a representative of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Cuba, Morocco, Ecuador, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Colombia, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Burundi, India, Zambia, Greece, Australia, Paraguay, Switzerland, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Egypt, Mexico, Liberia, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Germany, the Czech Republic and Brazil.

A representative of academia and scientific institutions made a statement.

A representative of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

*Indicators for target B*

Introductory remarks were made by the Chair and representatives of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, India, Colombia, the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, the Niger, the Netherlands, Qatar, the Philippines, the European Union, Australia, Argentina, Zimbabwe, the Czech Republic and Morocco.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

*The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.*

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Agreement to establish the South Centre. Geneva, 1 September 1994*

*Accession:* Argentina (29 September 2015)

*Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995*

*Ratification:* Jamaica (29 September 2015)

*United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. New York, 2 December 2004*

*Ratification:* Mexico (29 September 2015)

*Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010*

*Accession:* Philippines (29 September 2015)

*Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. Doha, 8 December 2012*

*Acceptance:* Bhutan (29 September 2015)

*Acceptance:* Panama (29 September 2015)

*Minamata Convention on Mercury. Kumamoto, 10 October 2013*

*Ratification:* Mexico (29 September 2015)

*Ratification:* Panama (29 September 2015)

*United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration. New York, 10 December 2014*

*Signature:* Gabon (29 September 2015)

# General information

**Chairs of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Senegal
His Excellency Fodé Seck

*Asia-Pacific States:*
Brunei Darussalam
His Excellency Dato Abdul Ghafar Ismail

*Eastern European States:*
Serbia
His Excellency Milan Milanović

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Saint Lucia
Her Excellency Menissa Rambally

*Western European and other States:*
Greece
Her Excellency Catherine Boura

**Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)**

*Electronic documents*

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

*eSubscription*

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Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device.

Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

*Hard copy documents and document support*

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call at 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

*Documents in conference rooms*

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

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**Security Council**

**Communications to the President of the Security Council**

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

**Website of the Presidency**

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

**Unscheduled meetings**

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**Prepared statements**

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